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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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Application No.

09/971,959

Group Art Unit

2151

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Examiner

Jean Fleurantin

CPA Filing Date

Confirmation No

4104

Title of Invention

RETRIEVAL APPARATUS, RETRIEVAL METHOD AND RETRIEVAL
PROGRAM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 2, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2.

Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

b. ☒ Other